

# PARISH OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent Time (year B) 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**'Awakening', Eucharistic Adoration**, a Jesus Youth initiative across the UK during lent and Eastertime, comes to our parish on **Wed 13th March from 10.30- 8pm**. Come and make the most of this awesome opportunity to be in the Holy presence of the Eucharistic Lord. Come join us as one family in prayer as we pray especially for our mother church, intentions of our holy father, stronger family and marriage bonds, for peace in the world and for Jesus youth and all other movements within the catholic church.

**The Stations of the Cross during Lent** at St Teresa's Church, Mondays after 10am Mass. Holy Family Church, Thursdays after 10am Mass. St Joseph's Church, Fridays at 7pm. St Mary's Bletchingley, Sundays 4.30pm

**Rosary Group** Tuesdays at St Joseph's from 7pm – 8pm.

**Adoration** every Wednesday in Lent at St Joseph's from 7pm - 8pm with prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

**Our Catholic Faith** – About 45 people attended the first session. Join them for parts 2& 3 this week and next on Thursday - watch a short film with time to reflect:

- **14<sup>th</sup> March** *A reflection on Reconciliation (Fr Kevin Dring)*
- **21<sup>st</sup> March** *A talk about Holy Week and a reflection on the Paschal Mystery (Fr Gabriel Dobson)*

Start time 8pm in the PNL Centre at St Joseph's. Drinks and light refreshments provided. Attend one or all sessions

**"The Promise of the Father"** - The course, supporting our diocesan plan, is free and aims to help us to live our lives empowered by the Holy Spirit. 7 sessions, with renowned speakers (including Bp Richard) and small group discussions, starts on the 10<sup>th</sup> April till 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Limited spaces in the venue & online, book now to avoid disappointment: <https://www.catholicparishofworthingandlancing.co.uk/the-promise-of-the-father/>

**Men's Way of the Cross:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March: Join us on this 5-6 hour night walk of the Stations of the Cross along the hills of Beachy Head. We gather at Our Lady of Ransom Church, 2-4 Grange Road, Eastbourne BN21 4EU. 9pm-10pm Registration Adoration & Confession. 10pm-11pm Holy Mass. 11pm we start Our Way of the Cross! We are back at the church between 4am-6am: for a hearty breakfast in the church hall!

**Gift Aid 2024** - New numbered gift aid boxes are available to collect from the back of the churches this weekend. To know more about this scheme where tax can be claimed back to increase donations, email: [pnlgiftaid@gmail.com](mailto:pnlgiftaid@gmail.com)

**Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024** have closed some categories but still have transport and accommodation spaces for Helpers/Clinicians/Chaplains (especially those who can push wheelchairs to help our male assisted pilgrims), and we have accommodation space for (able) Pilgrims who are able to make their own way to Lourdes. please visit our website. <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home>

**Parents, Babies & Toddlers Group** at St Joseph's every Wednesday at 10.30am during term time.

**Parish Sunday** Lunch this Sunday (10<sup>th</sup>) at the St Joseph's PNL Centre, at 12.30pm, hosted by our UCM (Union of Catholic Mothers). Everyone is welcome, so come with family & friends and meet your fellow parishioners. Bring your own drinks, no charge, donations welcome. If you belong to a parish group or represent a nationality and could host a parish lunch please contact the parish office.

**Our Diocesan Invited Programme** continues with a 'deeper dive' for those looking for concrete ways to conform their lives more closely to Christ (if you don't feel ready for that yet, why not watch season III? It will help you understand who Jesus is and just how much he loves you). Taking part is easy, watch each week's film, and use the accompanying resources to help you watch, reflect, and pray. Go to: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/invited>

**Taize Service** for an hour of prayer and quiet reflection on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar at 8pm at St Teresa – all welcome. any volunteer musicians please connect the parish office.

**Parish Reconciliation Service** a Lenten chance to celebrate God's forgiveness, with a number of visiting priests available, Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Mar 6.30pm at St Joseph's Church.

**Holy Thursday – Washing of feet**, this ancient imitation of Jesus washing his disciples' feet is a sign of serving those who were to serve others. If you offer some service in the parish and would like to volunteer your feet, or someone else's (ask them first), please contact the parish office.

**Calling all gardeners.** This spring sow some extra seedlings as there will be a parish plant sale in aid of Practical Action after all Masses on the weekend of 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> April.

**Save the Date!** Please continue prayers for Deacons Eddie Hopkins and Gustavo Campenello of our Diocese who are making final preparations for ordination to the priesthood on Sat 22 June at 14:30 in Arundel Cathedral

**Parish International Mass & Gathering** May 19<sup>th</sup> 11 am Mass at St. Joseph's Church, celebrating the diversity of our parish community. Everyone is invited to wear traditional costumes and we will have multilingual bidding prayers. Following mass, there will be international food festival and entertainment. If you would like to participate by reading, preparing a multilingual bidding prayer and/or food preparation for this exciting event, contact the parish office.

**Pray for our Families** making final preparations for entry into, or fullness of communion with, the Catholic Faith through the sacraments of initiation this Easter Vigil.

**Spiritual Reading for Lent** - if you have found something helpful share the book, article, website, or link with a friend.

### Collections

Offertory collection last weekend: £1,494.98  
Second collection next weekend: Easter Flowers

Thank you for your support.

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**ST JOSEPH'S 17<sup>TH</sup> REIGATE SCOUTS**  
www.17threigate.org

**EAST SURREY HOSPITAL**  
The hospital will not inform the Catholic chaplain, Fr Alban (01293 431703), of your presence in the hospital unless a specific request is made by either yourself or your family for a visit. If you would like a visit from him please ask the hospital staff or contact him directly yourself.  
If you are going in hospital as a 'Planned Admission' you are encouraged to contact Fr Tony to receive the Sacrament of the Sick prior to your Hospital stay.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR  
THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND**

Rosa Godlewski, Mary Hickman, Paul & Audrey Edwards, Michael Wood, Angela Brett, Carmel Peaston, Mark Dalton, Frankie Harding, Teresa Thorp, Francesco Ambrosio, David Corcoran, Steven Biczók-Hardy, Tomasina Harman, Margaret Murray, Zosia, Susan McMenamin, Shelagh Green, Patricia Blackwell, Chris Bayley, Jean Longley, Bridget Steward, Dilys Purtell, Rosaline Liberman, Brigid Gow, Anne Grier, Lydia Fagan, Maureen Wasson, Fr Laurence Quin-Morris, Maria Dimaculangan, Michael Scoltock, Marion & Barry Scholefield, Malcolm & Maria Chelvanayagam, Damian Poole, Margaret Byrne, Edith Rashbrook, Sarah Healy, Sheilaine Barrientos, Kathleen Beckey, Richard Greaves, Claire Chantal, Meli Greaves, and all the sick and housebound of our parish.

*If you or someone you know is sick & housebound and would like to receive Communion please contact the parish*

## The Fourth Sunday in Lent (year B)

Chron 36:14-16.19-23; Ps 136; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-23

**Response:** O let my tongue cleave to my mouth, if I remember you not!

**Sat 9 Mar**  
**St Joseph's 17.30** Audrey Langley 95th Birthday  
**Sun 10 Mar**  
**Holy Family 09.00** Special Intention  
**St Joseph's 11.00** People of the parish  
**St Teresa's 17:30** Private Intention  
**Mon 11 Mar**  
**St Teresa's 10.00** Rita Powell RIP  
**Tue 12 Mar** No Mass  
**Wed 13 Mar**  
**St Joseph's 10.00** Farrukh family Int  
**Thur 14 Mar**  
**Holy Family 10.00** Margaret Leonard RIP  
**Fri 15 Mar**  
**St Joseph's 10.00** Michael Henderson RIP

## The Fifth Sunday in Lent (year B)

Jer 31:31-34; Ps 50; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-30

**Response:** A pure heart create for me, O God

**Sat 16 Mar**  
**St Joseph's 17.30** Brid Folan & Family wellbeing  
**Sun 17 Mar**  
**Holy Family 09.00** People of the parish  
**St Joseph's 11.00** Jim Howley RIP  
**St Teresa's 17:30** Private Intention

## The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Following the Saturday evening Mass,  
and by appointment, please contact the parish office

**Prayers for the Sick** - If you would like to add someone to the list, please make sure you have that person's permission. Please inform us when your loved one has recovered and can be removed from the list. Thank you.

**Visiting the Sick and Housebound** Our Extraordinary ministers of Communion are bringing Communion to our parish's frailer members and currently we have about 40 being visited monthly. Our SVP members also visit on a regular basis. If you know of anyone who cannot come to Mass and would like such a visit please contact the parish office after obtaining their permission.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

**Fr Michael Spelman RIP** (retired priest of our diocese, former parish priest of Horley) his funeral took place on Sat 8th March in Ireland

**Terry Dobson RIP** his funeral service will take place on Fri 15th Mar at 11.30am at St Joseph's, followed by cremation

**Christina (Ina) Clarke RIP** her funeral will take place on Wed 3th Apr at 10:30am at St Teresa's, followed at the Surrey & Sussex crematorium

**Alan Rock RIP** His funeral service will take place on Fri 19th Apr at 11.30am followed at Redstone Cemetery.

**Bridget Thomas RIP** Her funeral has not yet been arranged

**Please remember them and their families in your prayers**